

# TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Application #	10/654,188	
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	First Inventor	GARDNER
	Art Unit	2171
Examiner	Unassigned	
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## ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fees calculated below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> including Attachment(s) <b>After Final Amendment/Reply</b> <input type="checkbox"/> including Attachment(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Petition <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Appl. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/>
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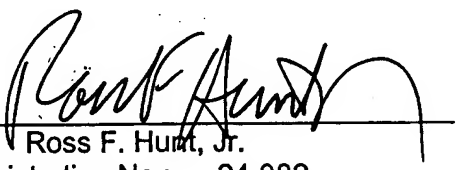
### FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:

	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	\$
..... TOTAL CLAIMS	24	20	4	X \$ 18 =	72
..... INDEP. CLAIMS	3	3	0	X \$ 88 =	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					
..... Reduction by 1/2 for <b>small entity status</b> of applicant					
SUBTOTAL =					72
..... Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					
..... Other fee for					
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					<b>72.00</b>

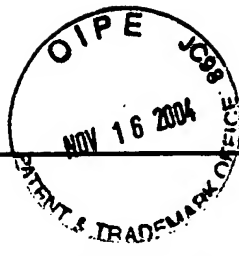
☒ A CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$72.00 is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555:  
 (1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or  
 (2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Date: November 16, 2004

By:   
 Registration No.: 24,082

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Preliminary to the examination thereof:

A) please consider the **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**; and

B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment C**.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Ross F. Hunt, Jr.  
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